

City of Fort Wayne  
Request for Proposals No. 3  
January 30, 2009

## Request for Proposals Notification

***Project Location:*** Northwest Fort Wayne: abandoned railroad corridor from the intersection of Fourth Street and Clinton St/U. S. 27 to Fernhill Drive with a spur to Franke Park and Franke Park Elementary School along Franke Park Drive.

***Response Due Date and Time:*** 02/25/09 at 5 p.m. EST

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is official notification of needed professional services. This RFP is being issued to solicit a letter of Interest (LoI) and other documents from firms qualified to perform engineering work on federal aid projects. A submittal does not guarantee that the firm will be contracted to perform any services but only serves notice that that firm desires to be considered.

**Contact for Questions:** If you have questions, please plan to attend the Pre-Proposal meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 3:30 p.m. in the Omni Room, Second Floor, City-County Building, One Main Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. **Do not contact the City with any questions.**

### **Submittal requirements:**

1. Five (5) Letters of Interest (required content and instructions follow)
2. One (1) signed Affirmative Action Certification and associated required documents for all items with Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals (sample form follows).

**Submit To:**  
Dawn Ritchie, Greenways Manager  
City-County Building, Rm 740  
One Main Street  
Fort Wayne IN 46802

## **Selection Procedures:**

Consultants will be selected for work items further described herein, based on the evaluation of the Letter of Interest (LoI) and other required documents. The Consultant Selection Rating Form that will be used to evaluate and score the submittals is included for your reference.

To be eligible for consideration, the lead consultant must be prequalified by INDOT.

## **Requirements for Letters of Interest (LoI)**

### **A. General instructions for Preparing and Submitting a Letter of Interest (LoI)**

1. Provide the information as set out in Item B below, in the same order listed, signed by an officer of the firm. Scanned signed documents or electronically applied signatures are both acceptable. Do not send additional forms, resumes, brochures, or other material unless otherwise noted in the item description.
2. LoI's shall be limited to a total of twelve (12) double-sided 8 ½" x 11" pages. Nine (9) double-sided pages for Identification and Qualification and three (3) double-sided pages for the combined Key staff and Project Approach unless otherwise noted in the Project Description.
3. LoI's must be received not later than "Response Due Date and Time" as shown in the RFP header shown above. Responses received after this deadline will not be considered. Submittals must include all required attachments to be considered for selection.

### **B. Letter of Interest Content**

#### **1. Identification and Qualifications**

- a. Provide the firm name, address of the responsible office from which the work will be performed and the name and email address of the contact person authorized to negotiate for the associated work.
- b. List all proposed sub consultants, their DBE status, and the percentage of work to be performed by the lead consultant and each sub consultant (sample Affirmative Action Certification follows). A listing of certified DBE's eligible to be considered for selection as prime consultants or sub-consultants for this RFP can be found at the Indiana Department of

Transportation's (INDOT) website. (<http://www.in.gov/indot/2576.htm> ).

- c. Provide personnel resumes and include trail projects and water main projects with references that each team member has been involved with, as well as any additional information concerning qualifications as may be relevant to the project.
- d. City of Fort Wayne reserves the right to contact the consultants' references.

## 2. Key staff and Project approach

- a. List the Project Manager and other key staff members, including key sub consultant staff and include the percent of time the project manager will be committed for the contract, if selected. Include project engineers for important disciplines and staff members that will be responsible for the work. Address the experience of the key staff members on similar projects and the staff qualifications relative to the required item qualifications.
- b. Describe the capacity of your staff and their ability to perform the work in a timely manner relative to present workload and the availability of the assigned staff.
- c. Provide a description of your Project Approach relative to the advertised services. For project specific items confirm that the firm has visited the project site. For all items address your firm's technical understanding of the project or services, as related to your firm's qualifications.
- d. Provide a matrix showing personnel on vertical axis with trail projects that they have been involved with on the horizontal axis. Also, provide a matrix showing personnel on the vertical axis and water main projects that they have been involved with on the horizontal axis.

## **Requirements for Affirmative Action Certification**

A completed Affirmative Action Certification form is required for all items that identify a DBE goal. The consultant must identify the DBE firms with which it intends to subcontract. Include the contract participation percentage of each DBE and list what the DBE will be subcontracted to perform on the Affirmative Action Certification Form. **Copies of DBE certifications, as issued by INDOT, for each firm listed are to be included as additional pages after the form.** If the consultant does not meet the DBE goal, the consultant must provide documentations on additional pages that it has made good faith efforts to achieve the DBE goal. Please review the DBE program based on any goals set and complete the DBE Affirmative Action Certification form as applicable. What constitutes good faith efforts is explained in detail within the DBE program information referred to above. If no goal is set then no Affirmative Action Certification form is required. Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) DBE Program Information is available at the Indiana Department of Transportation's website.

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**DBE subcontracting goals apply to all prime submitting consultants, regardless of the prime's status of DBE.**

### Work item details:

Local Public Agency Name      City of Fort Wayne

Project Location: Location is northwest Fort Wayne from the intersection of Fourth Street and U.S. 27/Clinton Street to Fernhill Avenue with a spur along Franke Park Drive to Franke Park and Franke Park Elementary School.

INDOT District covering project: Fort Wayne

INDOT Des#: (if known) 0710990

Project Phases Included: Preliminary Engineering and Right of Way Engineering for Trail Project; Planning and Design for the Northwest Feeder Main, Phase III, which is a 36" to 30" water main

**Project Description:** The Pufferbelly Trail, Phase I, will be a 12 ft wide multi-use trail that will extend the 23-mile Fort Wayne and New Haven Rivergreenway network northward. The trail will begin at the Rivergreenway in Lawton Park (Fourth Street and Clinton St/U.S. 27) and extend north along a former railroad corridor to Fernhill Avenue. A ten-foot wide trail spur will be constructed from the mainline of the trail to Franke Park and Franke Park Elementary School. The length of the trail is 2.6 miles. Within this same railroad corridor, the City needs a consulting firm to plan and design approximately 5,000 lineal feet of a 36" water main and approximately 2,500 lineal feet of a 30" water main from Science Central (1950 N Clinton Street) to approximately 1,500 feet south of Fernhill Avenue and tie into the proposed 30" Northwest Feeder Main. It is the City's desire to hire the same consultant for the trail project and for the water main project. The City of Fort Wayne Board of Public Works will sign separate Professional Service Agreements (PSA) with the chosen firm: one PSA to design the trail and one PSA to design the water main. Consultant must have experience leading at least one federally-funded (Transportation Enhancement funds) trail design project. At least one landscape architect must be intricately involved with the trail design.

Estimated Construction Amount: \$929,000 for trail  
\$1,250,000 for water main

Funding: Trail: Federal Funding (TE) – 66.67%; Local (CEDIT) – 33.33%  
Water Main: State Revolving Loan Fund

Term of Contract: 04/09 to 05/11 for trail  
05/09 to 05/10 for water main

DBE goal: 3% for trail

Required Prequalification Categories:

- 5.2 Environmental Document Preparation – CE
- 5.3 Environmental Document Preparation – Section 4 (f)
- 5.6 Waterway Permits
- 5.9 Archaeological Investigations
- 6.1 Topographic Survey Data Collection
- 7.1 Geotechnical Engineering Studies
- 8.1 Non-Complex Roadway Design
- 9.1 Level 1 Bridge Design
- 11.1 Right of Way Plan Development

LPA Consultant Selection Rating Sheet

Selection Rating for RFP No. \_\_\_\_\_ DES No: \_\_\_\_\_

Consultant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Services Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation Criteria to be Rated by Scorers					
Category	Scoring Criteria	Scale	Score	Weight	Weighted Score
Past Performance	Performance Evaluation score averages from historical performance data <sup>(1)</sup> .				
	Quality score for similar work from performance database.			6	
	Schedule score from performance database.			3	
	Responsiveness score from performance database.			1	
Project Manager	Predicted ability to manage project, based on: experience in size, complexity, type, sub consultants and documentation skills.				
	Demonstrated outstanding experience in similar type and complexity.	2		15	
	Demonstrated high level of experience in similar type and complexity.	1			
	Experience in similar type and complexity shown on resume.	0			
	Experience in different type or lower complexity.	-1			
	Insufficient experience.	-3			
Approach to Project	Project understanding and innovation that provides cost and/or time savings.				
	High level of understanding and viable innovative ideas proposed.	2		10	
	High level of understanding of the project.	1			
	Basic understanding of the project.	0			
	Lack of project understanding.	-3			
Capacity of Team to do Work	Evaluation of the Team's personnel and equipment to perform the project on time.				
	Availability of more than adequate capacity that results in added value	1		20	
	Adequate capacity to meet the schedule	0			
	Insufficient available capacity to meet the schedule	-1			
Team's Demonstrated Qualifications	Technical expertise: Unique Resources that yield a relevant added value or efficiency to the deliverable.				
	Demonstrated outstanding expertise and resources identified for required services for value added benefit.	2		25	
	Demonstrated high level of expertise and resources identified for required services for value added benefit.	1			
	Expertise and resources at appropriate level.	0			
	Insufficient expertise and/or resources.	-3			
Location	Location of assigned staff office relative to project.				
	Within 50 miles	1		5	
	51 to 150 miles	0			
	151 to 500 miles	-1			
	Greater than 500 miles	-2			
(Maximum 5% overall weighting for location criteria)					
				Weighted sub-total	

<sup>(1)</sup> LPA must contact INDOT for past performance

It is the responsibility of scorers to make every effort to identify the firm most capable of producing the highest quality deliverable in a timely and cost effective manner without regard to personal preferences. I certify that I do not have any conflict

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Project\_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CERTIFICATION FOR DBE**

I hereby certify that my company intends to affirmatively seek out and consider Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) certified in the State of Indiana to participate as part of this proposal. I acknowledge that this certification is to be made an integral part of this proposal. I understand and agree that the submission of a blank certification may cause the proposal to be rejected. I certify that I have consulted the following DBE website to confirm that the firms listed below are currently certified DBEs: [https://financial.gmis.in.gov/psc/guest/EMPLOYEE/ERP/c/SOI\\_APPS\\_MWBE.SOI\\_DBE\\_CERT.GBL?&](https://financial.gmis.in.gov/psc/guest/EMPLOYEE/ERP/c/SOI_APPS_MWBE.SOI_DBE_CERT.GBL?&) I certify that I have contacted the certified DBEs listed below, and if my company becomes the CONSULTANT, these DBEs have tentatively agreed to perform the services as indicated. I understand that neither my company nor I will be penalized for DBE utilization that exceeds the goal. After contract award, any change to the firms listed in this Affirmative Action Certification to be applied toward the DBE goal must have prior approval by INDOT's Economic Opportunity Division.

**SUBCONSULTANTS****DBE SUBCONSULTANTS TO BE APPLIED TOWARD GOAL**

Certified DBE Name	Service Planned	Estimated percentage to be paid to DBE*

**DBE SUBCONSULTANTS TO BE USED BEYOND GOAL**

Certified DBE Name	Service Planned	Estimated percentage to be paid to DBE*

Estimated Dollar Amount Credited toward DBE Goal:\_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Dollar Amount of Voluntary DBE Work Anticipated over DBE Goal:\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company:\_\_\_\_\_

By:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

\*It is understood that these individual firm percentages and dollar amounts are estimates only and that amounts paid may be greater or less as a result of negotiation of the contract scope of work. My firm will use good faith efforts to meet the overall DBE goal through the use of these or other certified and approved DBE firms.